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on Sunday, the 4th, carrying 766 steerage passengers. For these passengers 381 pieces of baggage were inspected and 126 were disinfected. The steamship *Pennsylvania* was inspected with reference to steerage accommodations on Friday, the 9th, preparatory to her sailing the following Sunday. Bills of health were issued during the week to 14 vessels, of which 12 carried cargo. The health of the port remains good, except for the increase in the prevalence of influenza, of which disease 595 cases were officially reported for the week ended February 3. There is some increase in the number of deaths from diseases of the respiratory organs, but the deaths directly ascribed to influenza are not reported. P. A. Surg. J. B. Greene visited me on the 8th instant for a conference on the subject of our work.

Respectfully,

A. C. SMITH,

*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

*Smallpox in Königsberg.*

STETTIN, February 1, 1900.

SIR: I beg to state that advice from our agent at Königsberg reports 8 cases, of which 3 proved fatal. Every precaution to prevent an epidemic is being put to use. Should it become epidemic, paragraphs 6 and 7 of article 4, Quarantine Regulations, will be put into force by refusing to certify to invoices for shipment of rags, etc. There is no direct steamship connection between Königsberg and the United States.

Respectfully,

JOHN E. KEHL,

*United States Consul.*

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

HAITI.

*Dysentery prevalent in Nippes.*

CAPE HAITIEN, January 19, 1900.

SIR: I beg leave to hand you inclosed a translation of a medical report addressed to the Haitien Government by 2 doctors who were sent to the arrondissement of Nippes in the south of Haiti to investigate and report on a sickness that broke out in these localities in epidemic form some six months ago, and it seems is still spreading over other localities. No exact name is given to this malady, but thinking it important for the United States medical authorities to know about it at earliest opportunity, and not knowing whether the legation in Port au Prince had already the time to forward said report, I think I have acted to the Department's satisfaction in forwarding the report and its translation to-day.

Under separate cover I send the Official Gazette, which contains this report.

Respectfully,

T. BEHRMANN.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

[Inclosure.]

PORT AU PRINCE, January 5, 1900.

SIR: Appointed by your Government to go and study the epidemic, raging in the plains of the arrondissement of Nippes, in order to determine its nature, we made haste to depart on the steamer *Nouvelle Voldroque*, and were at the place on December 19, 1899.